

LITERATURE.

REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS.

T. B. Peterson & Brothers send us "David Copperfield," by Charles Dickens. This work is the acknowledged masterpiece of the author, and it is particularly interesting on account of its autobiographical character.

"The Countess of Rudolstadt," by George Sand. This is the second volume of Peterson's complete edition of George Sand's works, and it will be read with interest by all who have perused "Consuelo," to which it is the sequel.

From J. B. Lippincott & Co. we have received "The Seat of Empire," by Charles Carleton Coffin. Published by Fields, Osgood & Co. The Northern Pacific Railroad enterprise has of late attracted a great deal of public attention to the hitherto almost unknown region comprised in the Northwestern section of our empire.

It also, however, contains a vast amount of really valuable information and important statistics that are deserving of the attention of those who are interested in the Northern Pacific Road, or in the development of the great Northwest. The work is accompanied by a map prepared principally by the Bureau of United States Topographical Engineers, which, in addition to other matters, gives the routes of the Union Pacific and Northern Pacific Railroads, with their connections.

Porter & Co. send us the following recent publications of D. Appleton & Co.: "Woman's Friendship," by Grace Aguilar, is the third volume of the cheap and uniform edition of that writer's works now in course of publication.

"Contarini Fleming" is one of the cheap edition of Disraeli's early novels that Messrs. Appleton & Co. are issuing in compliance with the demand created by the publication of "Lothair."

"Irezie Langton," by Hawley Smart, is a story of English life of quite as much merit and interest as most of the current fiction of the day.

Porter & Coates also send us "The Lovers of Gudrun," by William Morris. This poem has been reprinted by Messrs. Roberts Brothers from "The Earthly Paradise," for the convenience of tourists and others who may desire to read it as an independent work.

"Turner & Co. send us "Violetta and I," by Consin Kate. Published by Loring. This is a poetical little story that will make very pleasant reading for the hot afternoons of summer.

Part 33 of "Zell's Encyclopedia" brings the work down to the title "Edmund Keen." The first volume of this encyclopedia is now complete, and the second is being pushed forward rapidly.

From the Central News Company, No. 505 Chesnut street, we have received the latest numbers of "The Cornhill Magazine, Temple Bar, and All the Year Round."

A LIFE OF SUFFERING.—There died lately, at Kiel, Germany, a youth of Sank City, Wisconsin, aged twenty years. When at the age of eleven years he (then a bright, promising boy, the pride of his parents and the admiration of all who knew him) was smitten by a painful bone disease, terminating in a long nervous fever, from which he arose an almost helpless cripple in his lower limbs.

Delivered in a great measure, says a Western paper, by this infirmity from the society and sports of his youthful companions, his mind (always clear and active) matured in a degree to which his feeble body in no wise kept pace. Patiently enduring his infirmities, and failing to be cured by medical science at home, he yet could not give up the hope that there might be help for him elsewhere, and consequently, in the fall of 1868, he persuaded his parents to allow him to make a voyage to Germany, in order to consult and test the skill of some celebrated physicians of that country.

tion, which rendered it necessary to lie with his lower limbs encased in gypsum for months. He was just recovering from the effects of this treatment when attacked by a new form of disease, which his enfeebled body had no power to resist, and he fell a victim to the dread destroyer. Yet this youth seldom complained.

The cheerfulness with which he accepted and bore his misfortune, the heroism and patience with which he endured his long and sad sufferings, won general admiration and respect, attracting, too, the sympathy of all who knew him.

THE IRREPRESSIBLE FENIANS.

Another flash in the pan! Will nothing weary out the indomitable perseverance in failure, the pertinacity in false starts, the constancy in effervescence, the patience in impatience, of the Fenian Brotherhood? The whole race seems to have gas on the brain and gunpowder in the blood, and to exhale its fever from year to year in flashes of delirium as wild and fitful as the outbursts of a volcano or the periodic ebullitions of a hot mud-spring.

Of course, we do not in the least mean that Fenians when caught ought not to be sternly punished. We should absolutely object to admitting any influence to the representations of the United States in extenuation of punishment, should any such representations be made to us after this raid was made on the last occasion. There are cases in which men, however much we may be disposed to extenuate their personal guilt, must, for the sake of order, be punished with reference to the mischief they do and the necessity there is for deterring others from the same crime, and without any reference to the excuses which may be really applicable to their individual case.

THE DEAD ALIVE.—A curious story is told by the "Gazette" of the disappearance from the Paris Morgue of a body which had been brought there. The police having found a man lying insensible in the streets called in the assistance of a doctor, who declared that the man was dead in consequence of congestion of the brain. The body was conveyed to the Morgue, was undressed, and placed upon one of the slabs with the clothing suspended above. In the pockets were found a purse and a letter with address. The keeper of the Morgue was astonished the next morning to find the body had disappeared, together with the clothes. He proceeded to the address upon the letter, and inquired for the person mentioned, and was at once introduced to a man in whom he recognized his missing charge.

A SWARM OF BEES IN ST. LOUIS.—The St. Louis Democrat says:—"At 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon a large swarm of bees visited the city. As they were passing over Fifth street, between Myrtle and Elm, the jingling of the bells of a street car arrested their progress, and the whole colony settled on the limb of an alantus tree that projected over the sidewalk. The weight of the swarm caused the limb to break, and the little bumblebees were precipitated to the sidewalk. Imagining that an attack had been made upon them by the passengers in the car, they flew upon the horses and men, stinging them severely. The horses did not wait for the order of going, but went at full speed, while some of the passengers took to their heels. Persons passing on the street were also attacked, and there were many exclamations of "Shoo fly!" as the smarting pedestrians made frantic efforts to brush the enemy from their heads and faces.

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monstrously unjust; but it is force of a sort, and of a dimmed sort, and therefore if once it could be directed by anything approaching to calm wisdom, it ought to give distinction and nobility to the race which is capable of cherishing it so long and bitterly.

Such seem to us a few of the reasons why the anger and impatience with which we hear of these cruel and utterly unjust assaults of the Fenians on the tranquility of the British Empire in all parts of the world are inappropriate emotions. We ought to understand that the Irish character is as yet so certain to give out this cry of hereditary passion as the English character is certain to receive it with something of insolent contempt when it is heard. "Natural selection" is much talked of in these days, and if ever a political characteristic were carefully produced by "natural selection," this smouldering resentment of the Irish towards our rule has been so produced. We have trained up a whole race to a habit of vigilant hatred towards British law and rule, and are angered to find the habit continuing after the causes for it have been gradually removed.

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